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Applicant : OWEN, Eugene Jr.  
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For : METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR  
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BILLING DATA

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- 2) Declaration and Power of Attorney (executed);
- 3) Assignment;
- 4) Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet;
- 5) Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.84;
- 6) Substitute Abstract not greater than 150 words;
- 7) Fee Transmittal;
- 8) Check in the amount of \$438.00 (filing fee and surcharge); and
- 9) Check in the amount of \$40.00 (Assignment recordal fee)

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Methods and Systems for Automatic Tracking  
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Respectfully submitted,

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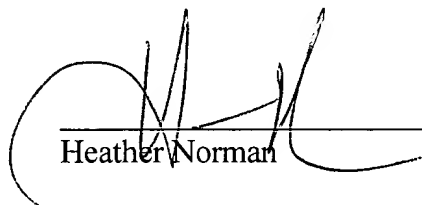
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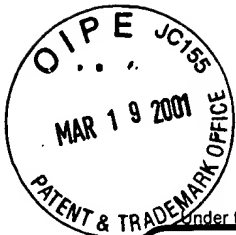
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**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

- 1.
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- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:

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Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 80	202 40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 270	204 135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 80	209 40	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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105 130	205 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	130.00
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139 130	139 130	Non-English specification	<input type="text"/>
147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	<input type="text"/>
112 920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	<input type="text"/>
113 1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	<input type="text"/>
115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month	<input type="text"/>
116 390	216 195	Extension for reply within second month	<input type="text"/>
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118 1,390	218 695	Extension for reply within fourth month	<input type="text"/>
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119 310	219 155	Notice of Appeal	<input type="text"/>
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121 270	221 135	Request for oral hearing	<input type="text"/>
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	<input type="text"/>
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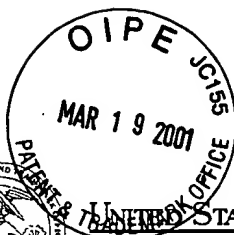
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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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02 FC:105	130.00 OP	
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04 FC:104	270.00 OP	

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is insufficient.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 20 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$288.
  - \$18 for 4 total claims over 20.
  - \$270 for multiple dependent claim surcharge.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 438.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at

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least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

- An Abstract not to exceed 150 words in length, commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.72(b)).

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